

drugs is not only critical to prevent drug shortages but also to enable our prescription drug supply chain to be more responsive and better prepared to respond to public health emergencies.

Domestically, we continue to battle the COVID-19 pandemic. We are nearing record-high hospitalizations due to COVID-19, including record-high levels for children. In my State of Maryland, we have encountered a new record-high hospitalization level every day since December 29. For many patients, the severity and mortality rates are lower due to higher vaccination levels and better treatments gleaned from our experience in battling COVID-19 so far, but these high hospitalization rates are straining an already overburdened system.

As we continue fighting the pandemic, in addition to other diseases and illnesses, timely access to medications is essential for our healthcare providers and their patients. The Drug Shortages Shelf Life Extension Act would require FDA to update guidance tied to manufacturer testing of the shelf life of prescription drug and to report to Congress on actions taken to update the shelf life dates of relevant drugs. Shelf life expiration dates are established through regulations governing prescription drug stability testing, which need to be reexamined since they have not been amended since 1981. I look forward to working with the Biden administration as it implements this essential legislation and related regulations.

I urge my colleagues to join Senator COLLINS and me in support of the Drug Shortages Shelf Life Extension Act to improve access to essential prescription drugs and to prevent or mitigate future drug shortages. No one should have to go without essential prescriptions drugs when usable supplies are available but have potentially inaccurate use-by dates stamped on their box or bottle.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 487—CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN BADGERS ON WINNING THE 2021 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DIVISION I WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. JOHNSON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

S. RES. 487

Whereas, on December 18, 2021, the University of Wisconsin Badgers won the 2021 National Collegiate Athletic Association (referred to in this preamble as the "NCAA") Division I Women's Volleyball Championship and finished the season with an impressive record of 31 wins and 3 losses;

Whereas the University of Wisconsin women's volleyball team defeated the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers in a thrilling 5-set

match to win the program's first ever national championship;

Whereas the following players should be congratulated for their hard work and dedication in representing the University of Wisconsin with dignity: Izzy Ashburn, Lauren Barnes, Joslyn Boyer, Giorgia Civita, Jade Demps, Liz Gregorski, MJ Hammill, Danielle Hart, Sydney Hilley, Lauren Jardine, Grace Loberg, Anna MacDonald, Julia Orzol, Sydney Reed, Dana Rettke, Devyn Robinson, Anna Smrek, and Julia Wohler;

Whereas the Badgers were led by an outstanding coaching and support staff, including Kelly Sheffield, Brittany Dildine, Gary White, Jessica Williams, Annemarie Hickey, Mackenzie Long, Kristen Walker, Kevin Schultz, Katie Smith, Diane Nordstrom, and Bianca Miceli;

Whereas the championship point was scored by senior middle blocker Dana Rettke, the 2021 National Player of the Year and the only 5-time American Volleyball Coaches Association (referred to in this preamble as the "AVCA") First-Team All-American in NCAA Volleyball history;

Whereas freshman opposite hitter Anna Smrek was named the Most Outstanding Player of the NCAA National Championship, while Dana Rettke and Sydney Hilley were also named to the NCAA National Championship All-Tournament Team;

Whereas senior setter Sydney Hilley was also selected as the 2021 Senior CLASS Award recipient as the most outstanding senior student-athlete in Division I women's volleyball;

Whereas Assistant Coach Brittany Dildine was named the AVCA Division I National Assistant Coach of the Year;

Whereas the University of Wisconsin women's volleyball team—

(1) captured the 2021 Big Ten conference championship for the third consecutive season;

(2) featured 3 players who earned AVCA All-American honors at the end of the season, Dana Rettke, Sydney Hilley, and Lauren Barnes; and

(3) has had a history of players, past and present, who also represent the University of Wisconsin on the international stage;

Whereas the players and staff persevered through the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas the Badger women's volleyball team has brought great pride and honor to the University of Wisconsin and its alumni, loyal fans, and the State of Wisconsin: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the University of Wisconsin Badgers on winning the 2021 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Volleyball Championship;

(2) recognizes the achievements of the players, coaches, and staff who contributed to this championship season; and

(3) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate prepare an official copy of this resolution for presentation to—

(A) the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin, Rebecca Blank;

(B) the Athletic Director of the University of Wisconsin, Chris McIntosh; and

(C) the Head Coach of the University of Wisconsin volleyball team, Kelly Sheffield.

SENATE RESOLUTION 488—CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE BUGOLDS ON WINNING THE 2021 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DIVISION III WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. JOHNSON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

S. RES. 488

Whereas, on November 20, 2021, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Bugolds won the 2021 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Women's Volleyball Championship and finished the season with an impressive record of 35 wins and 3 losses;

Whereas the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire women's volleyball team defeated the Calvin University Knights in 3 sets to win the program's first ever national championship;

Whereas Ava Aldag, Makenzie Bachmann, Kendra Baierl, Arianna Barrett, Sophia Brown, Sheridan Dettmann, Hannah Flottmeyer, Sarah Kuchcik, Emma Macken, Libby Macken, Charlie Nelson, Clara Olson, Kelly Page, Olivia Rooney, Maren Saunders, Taylor Scalia, Erika Stensland, Victoria Van Dan, Abby Volk, and Jordan Witzel worked hard, showed great dedication, and represented the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire with dignity;

Whereas the coaching and support staff of the Bugolds, Kim Wudi, Alex Berger, Jodi Risen, Katrina Raskie, Dylan Graber, Robin Baker, Nick Hoven, Rachel Delanois, and Erin Sparks, guided the team throughout the season;

Whereas Assistant Coach Jodi Risen was named the American Volleyball Coaches Association Division III Assistant Coach of the Year;

Whereas the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire women's volleyball team—

(1) also captured the 2021 Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference regular season and tournament championships; and

(2) featured 3 players who earned American Volleyball Coaches Association All-American honors at the end of the season, specifically—

(A) Kendra Baierl;

(B) Charlie Nelson; and

(C) Arianna Barrett;

Whereas the players and staff of the Bugold women's volleyball team persevered through the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas the Bugold women's volleyball team has brought great pride and honor to the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and its alumni, loyal fans, and the State of Wisconsin: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Bugolds on winning the 2021 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Women's Volleyball Championship;

(2) recognizes the achievements of the players, coaches, and staff who contributed to this championship season; and

(3) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate prepare an official copy of this resolution for presentation to—

(A) the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, James C. Schmidt;

(B) the Athletic Director of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Dan Schumacher; and

(C) the Head Coach of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire women's volleyball team, Kim Wudi.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 489—COM-
MENDING THE ACTIONS OF
CUBAN HUMAN RIGHTS AND DE-
MOCRACY ACTIVIST JOSE DAN-
IEL FERRER GARCIA, AND ALL
PRO-DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN
RIGHTS ACTIVISTS, IN DEMAND-
ING FUNDAMENTAL CIVIL LIB-
ERTIES IN CUBA AND SPEAKING
OUT AGAINST CUBA'S BRUTAL,
TOTALITARIAN COMMUNIST RE-
GIME**

Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself, Mr. BRAUN, and Mr. RUBIO) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 489

Whereas on July 11, 2021, protestors in more than 40 cities marched in the streets of Cuba to exercise their fundamental right to peacefully assemble and express their opposition to the Cuban regime, resulting in the largest anti-government demonstration on the island in decades;

Whereas the Cuban protestors, in a clear message—

(1) called for an end to communism, censorship, and oppression in Cuba; and

(2) demanded basic human rights and their God-given freedom;

Whereas during the July 2021 protests, in a crude and savage effort to silence the Cuban people, the Communist party—

(1) deployed a wave of terror throughout Cuba by unleashing its secret police and military forces on the peaceful protestors;

(2) harassed and threatened men, women, and children, some of whom were in their homes;

(3) abducted and tortured civil society leaders; and

(4) detained more than 1,300 Cubans, according to media reports;

Whereas Felix Navarro Rodriguez, a renowned pro-democracy activist who was arrested during the "Black Spring" of 2003, is the President of the Pedro Luis Boitel Abraham Democracy Party, and is a member of the Executive Secretariat of the Democratic Action Unity Table (MUAD), was arrested, then charged with the alleged crime of "attack and public disorder", after merely appearing at a police unit in Cuba to inquire about the status of members of his group who were detained during the July 11 protest;

Whereas in August 2021, Felix Navarro Rodriguez, in protest of his unlawful arrest, the terrible conditions in which he was being held and the cruelty he suffered in prison, went on a hunger strike for 30 days, remains isolated, is in a delicate state of health, and is restricted from communicating with his family;

Whereas José Daniel Ferrer Garcia, leader of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU), is a Cuban human rights and democracy activist, who has worked incessantly to promote fundamental civil liberties for the Cuban people;

Whereas José Daniel Ferrer Garcia, who was born in Santiago de Cuba on July 29, 1970, has dedicated most of his adult life in peaceful protest against Cuba's brutal and totalitarian Communist dictatorship to ensure that Cubans are allowed to have a voice in matters concerning their own country;

Whereas José Daniel Ferrer Garcia was among the hundreds of activists who were unlawfully detained by the Cuban regime

and has been unjustly imprisoned in isolation for nearly 180 days, where he has been subjected to physical and psychological torture by the brutal Communist Cuban regime;

Whereas according to José Daniel Ferrer Garcia's family, his health is dire, he is suffering from severe headaches, mouth bleeding, malnutrition, bouts of coughing, and the inability to sleep, all of which was caused by the cruel torture and inhumane treatment he received from the Cuban regime;

Whereas a host of other pro-democracy activists have been imprisoned solely for peacefully exercising their rights to freedom of expression, including Ciro Alexis Casanovas Pérez, Loreto Hernández García and wife, Donaida Pérez Paseiro, Didier Eduardo Almagro Toledo, Nidia Bienes Paseiro, Demis Valdés Sarduy, Misael Díaz Paseiro, Arianna López Roque, twin sisters Lisdani Rodríguez Isaac and Lisdiani Rodríguez Isaac, and Ivan Hernandez Carrillo;

Whereas during the week of Christmas 2021, many of these peaceful demonstrators were convicted on charges of sedition and sentenced to decades in prison just for demanding basic human rights; and

Whereas the totalitarian regime is terrified of brave and courageous leaders who stand resolute in fighting for a free Cuba, and will persecute, kidnap, torture, or kill anyone who stands up against their tyranny:

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) condemns the repression of José Daniel Ferrer Garcia and all brave Cuban activists, and demands their immediate and unconditional release from prison;

(2) condemns the brutal torture and inhumane treatment of José Daniel Ferrer Garcia by the Cuban regime and calls for an immediate humanitarian medical visit by an independent human rights organization to him and to all political prisoners who have been unjustly and illegally detained by the Cuban regime since July 11, 2021;

(3) condemns Cuba's brutal totalitarian Communist dictatorship and demands an end to the suffering of the Cuban people and the impunity of the Cuban regime's human rights abusers;

(4) calls for the international community to stand with the Cuban people and against Cuba's totalitarian Communist regime for infringing on the freedom of thought, will, expression, assembly, and prosperity of the Cuban people; and

(5) commends the courage of the pro-democracy movement and all freedom activists in Cuba for risking everything to bring freedom to the Cuban people.

**AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO
MEET**

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I have 7 requests for committees to meet during today's session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority Leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 3:30 p.m., to conduct a business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 2:45 p.m., to conduct a business meeting on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 2:45 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 9 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 9 a.m., to conduct a business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, to conduct a hearing on nominations.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 2 p.m., to conduct a hearing on a nomination.

**NOTICE: REGISTRATION OF MASS
MAILINGS**

The filing date for the 2021 fourth quarter Mass Mailing report is Tuesday, January 25, 2022. An electronic option is available on Webster that will allow forms to be submitted via a fillable PDF document. If your office did no mass mailings during this period, please submit a form that states "none."

Mass mailing registrations or negative reports can be submitted electronically at http://webster.senate.gov/secretary/mass_mailing_form.htm or e-mailed to OPR_MassMailings@sec.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact the Senate Office of Public Records at (202) 224-0322.

**MEASURE READ THE FIRST
TIME—S. 3488**

Mr. OSSOFF. Mr. President, I understand that there is a bill at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title for the first time.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3488) to counter the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine and Eastern European allies, to expedite security assistance to Ukraine to bolster Ukraine's